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“A Good Man is Hard to Find”

Discussion Questions

1. How does the grandmother’s early apprehensions about the trip to Florida foreshadow the major crisis in the story?
2. What does the grandmother’s relationship to her family tell us about her personality?
3. If the old woman had kept her mouth shut, not revealing that she recognized The Misfit, would the family be alive at the end of the story? Or did The Misfit intend to kill all the family members when he pulled up alongside their car?
4. What does the grandmother say to the Misfit to try to convince him not to kill her? Does the conversation alter his viewpoints in any way?
5. What has The Misfit’s life been like? Why was he put in jail? He says he kills for pleasure. Is there another reason?
6. Explain the problem the Misfit has with Jesus. How is his religious conviction different from the grandmother’s?
7. How do The Misfit’s final words illustrate his attitude toward the events of the afternoon?
8. What is the role of chance or fate in the story?